

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE



DECLARATION
By the
Insurance Commissioner of the State of California

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2008, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed a state of emergency in Santa Barbara County, and on November 15, 2008 proclaimed a state of emergency in Los Angeles, Orange and Riverside Counties, due to the major wildfires burning in southern California, which fires continue to burn; and

WHEREAS, the dwellings of hundreds of California residents have been destroyed or damaged, and thousands of southern California residents have been evacuated from their homes; and

WHEREAS the magnitude of these fires and the associated insurance claims are likely to create a shortage of qualified insurance adjusters;

NOW, I, STEVE POIZNER, Insurance Commissioner of the State of California, in accordance with the authority vested in me by Section 14022.5(a) of the California Insurance Code, **HEREBY PROCLAIM AN EMERGENCY SITUATION** to exist with respect to the adjustment of insurance claims arising from the fires.

THEREFORE, I AUTHORIZE insurers and licensed insurance adjusters to utilize certain adjusters in conformity with the requirements of Section 14022.5 of the California Insurance Code, to the extent such use is reasonably necessary in order to adequately respond to the losses arising out of these wildfires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused my official seal to be affixed this 17th of November 2008.

_____/s/_____
STEVE POIZNER
Insurance Commissioner